DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA)

Concurrence in the Exercise of Authority under CERCLA Sections 106(a) and 122 by the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, Defense and Energy

- 1. AUTHORITY. To concur in the exercise of authority under sections 106(a) and 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, by the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, Defense and Energy.
- **2. TO WHOM REDELEGATED.** Through the Director, Superfund and Emergency Management Division, or equivalent, to the Branch Chief, Remedial Cleanup Branch, or equivalent.

3. LIMITATIONS.

- a. The regional administrator, division director, or branch chief may not exercise this authority for two years after the Administrator signs this delegation. At the end of the two years, the regional administrator, division director, or branch chief may exercise this authority only after the AA for OECA (1) reviews each Region's experience with CERCLA section 106 orders and CERCLA section 122 settlements which are proposed by the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, Defense and Energy, and (2) authorizes the exercise of this authority by that regional administrator or division director.
- b. The clearance or approval of the form, text, and legal sufficiency of each legally operative document issued pursuant to this delegation must be obtained from the Office of Regional Counsel before signing and issuing such document.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent.
- b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
- **5. SUPERSESSION.** This delegation supersedes R10 14-42 (07/16/2018) and any other delegation of the same authority.

6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Executive Order 12580, Superfund Implementation, January 23, 1987.
- b. Executive Order 13016, August 28, 1996.
- c. EPA Delegation 14-42.

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